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## November EVENTS

- **Sunday, November 18, FilmBoot24 Red Carpet Event, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Monday, November 19, Special Public Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OBOE Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue**
- **Wednesday, November 21, Thanksgiving Recess, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal**
- **Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Recess, District Closed**
- **Friday, November 23, Thanksgiving Recess, District Closed**
- **Tuesday, November 27, Parent Conference PreK-7, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, November 29, Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Parent Conference, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Lincoln Avenue School**

## FilmBoot24 Showcases Student Films at Red Carpet Event

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AT THIS SPECIAL FILM SCREENING

**FilmBoot24**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

3:30PM DOORS OPEN  
4:00PM FILM SCREENING  
5:00-8:00PM AWARDS AND RED CARPET CELEBRATION

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FilmBoot 24 works to promote filmmaking excellence among Orange High School students involved in the digital media program. Cinema Ed developed the 24-hour filmmaking boot camp, with funding from the New Jersey Council on the Arts/Department of State. The program challenges students to create and produce a film in 24 hours. FilmBoot 24 collaborators include the Center for Civic Engagement at Drew University, ValleyArts and the Orange Public School District.

The program kicked off on Friday, November 16, at Drew University, with introductions and continues with film creation, based on a randomly drawn theme using a specified prop, Saturday, November 17, culminating with the film screening and awards presentation at the FilmBoot24 Red Carpet Event, on Sunday, November 18, at Orange Preparatory Academy.

Be there to congratulate the young filmmakers along with Kate Milburn and Richard Stephen Bell, co-founders of Cinema Ed, Dr. Terri Russo, Orange's director of curriculum and instruction, the Supervisor of Career and Technical Education Jahmel Drakeford, district administrators, film industry mentors, along with participants from the Center for Civic Engagement at Drew University and ValleyArts.

Check out FilmBoot24 last March, and see the work of Orange High School's talented filmmakers at <http://www.cinemaed.org/2018-filmboot24-films>.

## Teen Summit 2018

*Submitted by Mrs. Laura Sacks, School Nurse and Teen Summit Organizer, Orange Preparatory Academy*

The ninth Teen Summit, held November 2 - 3, was a big hit with more than 300 Grade 7- 12 students, parents, guardians, community members, and city officials attending each day. The theme this year was "Building Better Relationships with Family, Friends and the World."

Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee welcomed everyone Friday evening, to open the program. Students participated in workshops and sessions on Friday and all day on Saturday.

Among the Teen Summit 2018 highlights was a student-suggested panel: "Racial and Ethnic Discrimination." It included a discussion about what discrimination means, the difference between racial and ethnic bias, and how to deal with it. Also, well-received was the "Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships" workshop in which students learned what to expect in healthy relationships, and how to handle unhealthy ones. The One Love Foundation and the Sadie Nash Leadership Project provided panelists for this workshop.



**Pictured (left to right): Interim Superintendent Lee; Board President Carter; summit MC Troy Bell; panel on discrimination.**

Friday evening also featured a performance presentation, "Rewrite a Script in Your Life," where students were divided into groups to discuss their experiences with discrimination. They selected one situation and applied what they learned in the discrimination panel to create a skit about what could have happened if there was a more positive attitude and outcome. A few of the groups performed their skits.

Also featured at this year's summit were a Leadership Workshop, Poetry Slam Workshop, and a Hip Hop Workshop. Students were able to learn about these topics in two different sessions on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, followed by extraordinary performances at the end of the summit.



**Pictured (left to right): Saturday panel on relationships; Dr. Thomas addressing students; group including administrators, board members and panelists.**

Students in the Leadership Workshop learned about leadership qualities and how to responsibly advocate for issues in their community. Poetry Slam workshop participants examined their ideas, feelings, and experiences and learned to shape them into poems that were shared at the end of the summit. Those in the Hip Hop Workshop learned a dance routine Friday evening, rehearsed it Saturday afternoon and performed Saturday evening. Three really creative and compelling events!

Saturday morning opened with a great performance by a new group, "One95," made up of former young actors from the play "School of Rock." Working with a professional sound system, group members sang "Uptown Funk," "I Want You Back" and "Happy" -- they sounded amazing.

Morning workshops included, "Dealing with Depression/How to Help Yourself Smile Every day," "Urban Living," a "Mindfulness and Meditation Workshop," "How to Get Your Life Organized," and "Great Workout Techniques."

In the afternoon, students participated in workshops that featured makeovers, dance, music, and acting, as well as mobile phone app development for Android phones, a cardiac workout and careers in technology with the CEO of Cinema Ed, Kathleen Milburn.



**Pictured: Scenes from Teen Summit 2018.**

Parent workshops explored details of how to help children navigate challenges to be successful in school, college, post-college Education—and beyond and a discussion with Orange Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk about the community Master Plan and key community developments.

Local organization ADAPT, the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Team shared the latest information about drugs and alcohol for teens in a later-day program.

Much-anticipated raffle prizes included tickets to concerts by Travis Scott and John Legend, tickets to a Montclair State production, a Luna Stage production, and Bow Tie Cinema.



**Pictured: Scenes from Teen Summit 2018.**

Teen Summit organizer Mrs. Laura Sacks and the Teen Summit committee thanks vendors that made donations to the Summit: The Neighborhood Project Grants sponsored by HANDS, Inc., The HUUB, and Valley Arts, the Bass Foundation, Montclair State University, Luna Stage, Trader Joe's, Costco, and Bow Tie Cinemas.

Students who participated on both summit days will be given the opportunity to attend the Teen Summit Game Night and After Party with DJ Wallah from Hot 97 at Lincoln Avenue School.

All participants said they were thankful for the opportunity to learn and have fun together, engaging in over twelve hours of interesting workshops, panels, and entertainment.

In addition to the educational component, students enjoyed good food and created an art project from prompts, such as #peaceinOrange, #grateful, #respect, #Whatyoufeelconnectedto, #cometogether, that were made visual on small canvases.



**Pictured: Art project from Teen Summit 2018.**

Orange Board of Education members were very involved in the summit this year. President E. Lydell Carter participated in the discrimination workshop. Vice President Dr. Courne Thomas had an interactive keynote speech Saturday morning to introduce and moderate the relationship panel.

Kyleesha Hill co-presented the workshop “Urban Living – Managing Your Life with Family, Friends, and Extended Family Members,” Jeffrey Wingfield donated theater tickets to “The Wedding,” a play at Montclair State University, and Christina Mateo and Siaka Sherif attended and supported the event as well.

## **Scholars Academy Students Participate in the Cyber Robotics Coding Competition**

*Submitted by Mrs. Regina Nadbielny, STEM/STEAM Teacher, Scholars Academy*



On October 15, Mrs. Regina Nadbielny’s 4th and 5th grade Scholars Academy students began participating in the multi-state middle school Cyber Robotics Coding Competition (CCRC). “CCRC is an innovative robotics tournament that excites and engages students in coding,” explained Mrs. Nadbielny. Students are competing with other NJ middle schools for this 5th through 8th grade competition. Students are coding virtual 3D robots to perform complex tasks and missions. The first three weeks included 80 “boot camp” missions. Scholars Academy finished in 2nd place among 80 schools in NJ! Woohoo! The qualifying round began November 5 and runs through November 15. It has even more challenging missions to complete. “We are currently in the top ten and are hoping to earn an invitation to the Finals.”

It was a very exciting day on November 7, when the competition master of the Cyber Robotics Coding Competition, Trevor Pope, and the CEO of Intelitek, Ido Yerushalmi (***pictured right with students and Mrs. Nadbielny***) paid a visit to the STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) lab in Scholar's Academy. They were very impressed with what the 4th and 5th graders are accomplishing. They were thrilled to see all of the students engaged in their coding missions and they answered many questions from the students. They explained that you never know where coding will take you. Coding helps our students develop their computational thinking, time management and strategy skills, which they can apply to many disciplines.



**Pictured: Grade 4-5 students practicing coding at Scholars Academy.**

## **Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal**

*Submitted by William Donnelly, English as a Second Language teacher, Forest Street Community School*

The Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal (MSUNER) offers an array of benefits to teachers who become members. MSUNER provides specialized workshops geared to teaching staff, grant opportunities, sponsored funding for educational research conducted by teachers, as well as a path to adjunct teaching positions at the university.



**Pictured: A group photo of representatives from partner school districts across northern New Jersey who make up the association.**



**Pictured: Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Bill Donnelly, ESL teacher at Forest Street Community School, represent the Orange School District at the annual Joint Committee meeting of the MSUNER on September 25, 2018.**

MSUNER is a school-university partnership dedicated to the simultaneous renewal of schools and teacher education through collaboration among Montclair State University and its partner school districts and the Orange School District is one of these partners.

The best news is that the Orange Public School District has pre-paid the membership fee for all Orange District teachers who register. Teachers may activate their membership by going to [www.msuner.org](http://www.msuner.org) and registering as a district staff member.

For further information, contact Bill Donnelly, Orange District Coordinator for MSUNER, [donnelwi@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:donnelwi@orange.k12.nj.us).

## Lunch and Learn at STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

*Contributed by Dr. Erica Stewart, Principal, STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges*

On November 2, Dr. Frederick R. Lester, Chief Executive Officer of Ulwazi Analytics International, a privately-held Strategy and Data Science consultancy headquartered in New York City, addressed the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges at the first “Lunch and Learn Speaker Series” of the school year. Dr. Lester, an Orange resident, is renowned in the areas of Technology Innovation / Governance, Technology M&A, Knowledge Management, Data Strategy, Big Data, and Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence. He discussed with the students his interest and abilities in math, his academic journey, attending Columbia University with a focus on nuclear physics and math and building his career.

Dr. Erica Stewart, STEM Academy principal, stated that the lunch and learn series is an effort to engage students with industry professionals in STEM-related fields or those who have STEM backgrounds. “The speakers are sharing their past and present experiences with students, entertaining questions, and hopefully bringing depth to the student's understanding of the level of commitment and work needed to be successful in pursuit of their career goals,” stated Dr. Stewart.

Students enjoyed a special lunch, along with staff members and guest, Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee.



**Pictured: Dr. Lester addresses STEM students.**



**Pictured: STEM student at the November 2 Lunch and Learn.**

Dr. Lester, who serves on several advisory boards, is also the Global Managing Director for the Men's Empowerment Network, a multicultural leadership development, and mentoring organization. He is an internationally recognized advisor to corporate boards, government agencies, municipalities, and the global private equity/venture capital community. He has held senior leadership positions with global technology consultancies with deal-making experience spanning the Americas, India, Israel, Ukraine, Poland, Africa, and Singapore. He is certified by the U.S. State Department to speak on the issues of technology innovation, innovation economics, and leadership development.

The keynote speakers also help to answer that age-old question: "when am I going to use this?" Students can see the relationship of their tracks (biomedical engineering, mechanical engineering, or the computing sciences) and the opportunities to connect their passions with a STEM education to contribute something great on a global level.



**Pictured (above): Dr. Lester with STEM students.**



**Pictured (left to right): Dr. Stewart, STEM students, Dr. Lester, Interim Superintendent Lee, Assistant Principal Devonii Reid.**

## **Oakwood Avenue Visits Montclair State University**

*Submitted by Ericka Stevenson, Community School Coordinator, Oakwood Avenue Community School*

On November 7, Oakwood's Soaring Eagles got the chance to see what it would be like to become Red Hawks at Montclair State University. Upon their arrival, Oakwood Avenue students were greeted by their Tour Guide who gave the students basic information about the University including student enrollment, different majors and minors offered, and the cost to attend. Once the students got some background information, they kicked off the campus wide tour where the first stop was the School of Communication and Media. The students learned about the several areas of studies that are offered and some of the career options they could pursue with a degree in communication such as, entertainment, sports journalism, and corporate and public communications.



**Pictured: Oakwood Avenue students at Montclair State University.**

As the tour continued, the students got the chance to enter the brand new, state-of-the-art building that houses the School of Earth and Environmental Science, where they saw the difference between a classroom and a lecture hall. The tour guide then led the students to what Montclair State refers to as “The Overlook” which looks out to the New York City skyline.



As the tour continued, a Professor noticed that Oakwood’s Soaring Eagles were in the building and pulled them into her class, allowing them to get a real prospective about what college is all about from actual college students! They asked them about their majors, how much homework they get, and about how long each student spent studying each week. The Soaring Eagles also learned about what it meant for your major to be undeclared in college.



Of course, after all of that walking, the students built up quite an appetite and that is where they got to experience dining like a true college student at Sam’s Place. Students dined buffet style on pizza, pasta, salads, burgers, fries, and the popular favorite, ice cream!



**Pictured: Oakwood Avenue students at Montclair State University.**

## **Emergency and Clinical Care Students Learn at Firehouse**

*Submitted by Densie DePalma, Health Science Teacher, Orange High School*

The Orange Fire Department graciously hosted an educational session for the high school students from the Emergency and Clinical Care Course on November 14. Deputy Chief Gerald Long coordinated the program, as the students learned about the importance of understanding the dynamics of a community and how the fire department often serves as the first responder during a health related emergency. The students also received motivational talks from Captain Anderson and Captain Brown. The students look forward to visiting the firehouse again later in the month to practice their CPR and AED skills.





**Pictured: The OHS Emergency and Clinical Care students at the Orange firehouse.**

## **FYI**

### Congratulations to the Newly Elected Board of Education Members

Mr. Siaka Sherif, a current board member, Ms. Brenda Daughtry and Mr. Derrick Henry were elected to the Orange Board of Education on November 6. They will take office on January 7, 2019, at the board reorganization meeting.

### The First Annual District Parent Conference



The First Annual District Parent Conference will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at Lincoln Avenue School, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be an overview of the district's Social Emotional Health Initiative, student activities, a trailer of the OHS Play "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," free raffles and classroom presentations including the following:

- ESL Dept. (Testing/Results)
- English/Language Arts Dept. ("How to Build a Home Library")
- Special Services Dept. (Social Emotional Health)
- Financial Institutions (Home ownership and Banking Options)
- Presentation on Entrepreneurship facilitated by Rising Tide Capital, Inc.

Please [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for the First Annual District Parent Conference.

# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Teen Summit 5-9:30PM Lincoln Avenue School 	3 Teen Summit 9AM-6:40PM Lincoln Avenue School 
4 	5	6	7 Monthly Board Lobby Art Show, 6PM, Orange Board of Ed	8  District	9  Closed	10
11 	12	13 Monthly BOE Meeting, 7PM, Orange Prep Academy Marking Period 1 Ends	14 Marking Period 2 Begins	15	16	17
18 Filmboot24 3:30PM at Orange Prep Academy HIT THE RED CARPET AT THIS SPECIAL FILM SCREENING 	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Recess 12:30PM Dismissal	22 Happy Thanksgiving  District Closed	23	24
25	26	27 PreK-7 Parent Conference 5:30-7:30PM	28	29 Grades 8-12 Parent Conference 5:30-7:30PM	30	

**SEE IMPORTANT FLYERS BELOW**

**CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR CONCERTS AND ACTIVITIES.**

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## ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT ACADEMY PRESENTS:



### The First Annual District Conference: Parents: "The Essential Piece"

**WE'VE FOUND THE MISSING PIECE!**



Orange Public Schools Department Directors, Financial Institutions, and Community Partners cordially invites you to become **INFORMED** and **EMPOWERED** by participating in the following workshops:

- \* How to Build a Home Library
- \* ESL Testing/Results
- \* Social Emotional Learning
- \* Homeownership and Credit Counseling
- \* Entrepreneurship Classes

Guest Appearances from:

- Jr. ROTC
- Voices in Harmony
- OPA & OHS Performing Arts Department



- Light Breakfast and Refreshments
- Free Raffles & Giveaways
- Student Activities
- Healthy Food Giveaways



We need your input! Scan the code below and let your voice be heard by taking the Community Needs Assessment!



#### Vision:

The mission of the Orange Public School District Parent Academy is to support overall student achievement by providing families with learning opportunities and resources that will enable them to become more involved in their children's educational success.

#### Goals:

- Increase parental participation in student academics
- Educate parents on new standards and requirements
- Strengthen the home, school connection

**Saturday December 1st  
10am-2pm**

#### Location:

**Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Avenue  
(Jackson Street Entrance)  
Orange, NJ**

#### Vendors & Sponsors Includes:

- Future Ready Schools
- Supreme Bakery
- Montclair State University
- Orange Community Schools Health Clinics
- Orange Early Childhood Center
- Newark Community Health Center
- And Many More!

For more information contact: Ms. Desanges, Community School Coordinator at [desangst@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:desangst@orange.k12.nj.us) or The Office of Community Engagement, (973) 677-4000 ext. 6064

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